

EECS 203: Discrete Mathematics  
Winter 2024  
Homework 11

Due **Tuesday, April 23**, 10:00 pm

No late homework accepted past midnight.

Number of Problems:  $6 + 0$

Total Points:  $100 + 0$

- **Match your pages!** Your submission time is when you upload the file, so the time you take to match pages doesn't count against you.
- Submit this assignment (and any regrade requests later) on Gradescope.
- Justify your answers and show your work (unless a question says otherwise).
- By submitting this homework, you agree that you are in compliance with the Engineering Honor Code and the Course Policies for 203, and that you are submitting your own work.
- Check the syllabus for full details.

# Individual Portion

## 1. Big-Oreo [15 points]

Give the tightest big-O estimate for each of the following functions. Justify your answers.

(a)  $f(n) = (2^n + n^n) \cdot (n^3 + n \log n^n)$

(b)  $g(n) = (n^n + n!) \cdot (n + 1) + (n^3 + 3^n) \cdot (\sqrt{n} + \log n)$

(c)  $h(n) = (n^n + n^2) \cdot (n^n + n) + (\log 3 + n^n) \cdot (n^2 + n^n)$

### Solution:

(a)  $n^n$  and  $n^3$  dominate respectively. Thus

$$f(n) = O(n^n n^3) = O(n^{n+3})$$

(b) In the left product,  $n^n$  and  $n$  dominate. In the right product,  $3^n$  and  $\sqrt{n}$  dominate. But the left product will dominate over the right product. So

$$g(n) = O(n^n n) = O(n^{n+1})$$

(c) In both products,  $n^n$  and  $n^n$  dominate. So  $2n^{2n}$  will dominate the sum. So

$$h(n) = O(n^{2n})$$

## 2. On the Run [20 points]

Give the tightest big-O estimate for the number of operations (where an operation is arithmetic, a comparison, or an assignment) used in each of the following algorithms. **Explain your reasoning.**

(a) **function** DOUBLETROUBLE( $a_1, \dots, a_N \in \mathbb{R}, j \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
     $j \leftarrow 1$   
    **for**  $i := 1$  to  $N$  **do**  
        **if**  $i = j$  **then**  
             $j \leftarrow 2j$   
        **end if**  
    **end for**  
    **return**  $j$

- end function**
- (b) **function** SUMSQUARES( $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ )  
     **if**  $N = 1$  **then**  
         **return** 1  
     **end if**  
      $value \leftarrow \text{SUMSQUARES}(N - 1) + N^2$   
     **return**  $value$   
**end function**
- (c) **function** FINDLTMINPRODUCT( $a_1, \dots, a_N \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
      $p \leftarrow 203$   
     **for**  $i := 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**  
         **for**  $j := 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**  
             **if**  $a_i a_j < p$  **then**  
                  $p \leftarrow a_i a_j$   
             **end if**  
         **end for**  
     **end for**  
      $numLTMinProduct \leftarrow 0$   
     **for**  $k := 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**  
         **if**  $a_k < p$  **then**  
              $numLTMinProduct \leftarrow numLTMinProduct + 1$   
         **end if**  
     **end for**  
     **return**  $numLTMinProduct$   
**end function**
- (d) **function** SUBTRACTANDADD( $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ )  
     **while**  $N > 0$  **do**  
         **if**  $N$  is even **then**  
              $N \leftarrow N - 3$   
         **end if**  
         **if**  $N$  is odd **then**  
              $N \leftarrow N + 1$   
         **end if**  
     **end while**  
     **return**  $N$   
**end function**
- (e) **function** SEARCH( $a_1, \dots, a_N \in \mathbb{R}, target \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
      $left \leftarrow 1$   
      $right \leftarrow N$   
     **while** True **do**  
          $mid \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{left+right}{2} \rfloor$

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    if  $a_{mid} = target$  then
        return  $mid$ 
    end if
    if  $right \leq left$  then
        return  $-1$ 
    end if
    if  $a_{mid} < target$  then
         $left \leftarrow mid + 1$ 
    end if
    if  $a_{mid} > target$  then
         $right \leftarrow mid - 1$ 
    end if
end while
end function

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**Solution:**

- (a) The loop executes  $N$  times, and contains no loops within itself. So this function is  $O(N)$ .
- (b) The function calls itself recursively with  $N - 1$  until it reaches 1. So it is  $O(N)$ .
- (c) The first loop executes  $N$  times, containing another loop which executes  $N$  times, for a total of  $N^2$ . The last loop executes  $N$  times. So the  $N^2$  dominates, and the function is  $O(N^2)$ .
- (d) This loop will take at most  $\frac{N+1}{2}$  steps, if  $N$  is odd. (The first loop will add one. Then, every subsequent loop will do  $-3, +1 = -2$ .) If  $N$  is even, it will take at most  $\frac{N}{2}$  steps. (Every loop will do  $-3, +1 = -2$ .) So this function will be  $O(N)$ .
- (e) The loop ends when  $a_{mid} = target$  or  $right \leq left$ . Every loop, the midpoint is set to the floor of the midpoint between the left and right indexes. If the target is not found, the left or right index moves next to the midpoint, and the loop runs again. So every loop, the search area is halved. Thus the loop will take at most  $\log_2 N + C$  steps. So the time complexity will be  $O(\log N)$ .

### 3. This one's bound to be fun! [18 points]

You are given the following bounds on functions  $f$  and  $g$ :

- $f(x)$  is  $O(203^x x^2)$  and  $\Omega(3^x \log x)$

- $g(x)$  is  $O(\frac{x!}{2^x})$  and  $\Omega(4^x)$

Find the following, simplify your answer as much as possible.

- Find the tightest big-O and big- $\Omega$  estimates that can be *guaranteed* of  $f(x)(g(x))^2$ .
- Find the tightest big-O and big- $\Omega$  estimates that can be *guaranteed* of  $f(x) + g(x)$ .
- Let  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ . Prove or disprove that  $h(x)$  is  $\Omega(4^x)$ .

**Solution:**

- For big-O, we find the parts which will dominate the function. This will be

$$f(x)(g(x))^2 = O(203^x x^2) \cdot O\left(\frac{x!}{2^x}\right)^2 = O\left(\left(\frac{203}{4}\right)^x (x!)^2 x^2\right)$$

For  $\Omega$ , we compute using the  $\Omega$  portions of the respective functions.

$$f(x)(g(x))^2 = \Omega(3^x \log x) \cdot \Omega(4^x) = \Omega(12^x \log x)$$

- Since this is addition, we simply select the dominating parts between each added function. This will be  $O\left(\frac{x!}{2^x}\right)$  and  $\Omega(4^x)$ .
- We know that there exists  $k, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \geq k$ ,

$$c_1 4^x \leq g(x) \leq c_2 \frac{x!}{2^x}$$

So then taking the negative,

$$-c_1 4^x \geq -g(x) \geq -c_2 \frac{x!}{2^x}$$

So we cannot infer anything about  $4^x$  being a lower bound of

#### 4. Big Function Fun [16 points]

Prove or disprove the following:

- If  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  then  $2^{f(x)}$  is  $O(2^{g(x)})$ .
- If  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  then  $(f(x))^2$  is  $O((g(x))^2)$ .

Note that in these proofs you do not need to use the definition of big-O, but can use the properties for combining mathematical functions covered in lecture.

**Solution:**

## 5. Roots and Shoots [16 points]

Suppose  $f$  satisfies  $f(n) = 2f(\sqrt{n}) + \log_2 n$ , whenever  $n$  is a perfect square greater than 1, and additionally satisfies  $f(2) = 1$ .

- (a) Find  $f(16)$ .
- (b) Find a big-O estimate for  $g(m)$  where  $g(m) = f(2^m)$ .

**Hint:** Make the substitution  $m = \log_2 n$ .

- (c) Find a big-O estimate for  $f(n)$ .

**Solution:**

## 6. GG Brown Laboratory [15 points]

What is the tightest big-O bound on the runtime complexity of the following algorithm?

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function BADSEARCH( $n$ )  
  if  $n \geq 1$  then  
    BADSEARCH( $\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$ )  
    for  $i := 1$  to  $n$  do  
      for  $j := 1$  to  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  do  
        print "Hello I am lost"  
      end for  
    end for  
    BADSEARCH( $\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$ )  
    print "Nevermind I got it"  
  end if  
end function
```

**Solution:**